

10 FAM 340 PLANNING OF GRANTEE PROJECTS

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10 FAM 341 APPROVAL OF GRANT

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After reviewing a nomination, ECA/PE/V will advise the post if the nomination is accepted. No commitment should be made to the candidate by the post until concurrence is obtained from the appropriate division of ECA/PE/V: ECA/PE/V/G for grantee IVS, or ECA/PE/V/F for voluntary visitor IVS. Upon such notification from the appropriate division, a letter of invitation from the Ambassador should be sent.

10 FAM 342 ASSIGNMENT TO PROGRAM AGENCY

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As soon as the post indicates the time period that the grantee wishes to travel, ECA/PE/V will obtain a program date from a program agency and inform the post. During busy periods it is sometimes necessary to negotiate program dates which are acceptable to all parties. The post will receive confirmation of the program date by telegram. In the case of an accepted voluntary visitor program, ECA/PE/V/F will assign an ECA/PE/V/F program officer. In many ECA/PE/V/F projects, a contract program officer will also be assigned to aid in the programming. Occasionally, visitors may have to be reassigned from one program agency to another, but such cases will be rare.

10 FAM 343 ASSIGNMENT OF ESCORT OR ESCORT INTERPRETER

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As soon as a program date is established, ECA/PE/V will arrange for an English language escort officer or escort interpreter, as required.

10 FAM 344 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

10 FAM 344.1 Class and Routing

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Economy class jet air transportation, by the most direct route, from the visitor's home to Washington, D.C. (or the city in which the program is to begin), and return by the most direct route is the usual arrangement. For grantees of Ministerial rank, first class travel can be authorized, if properly justified by the post.

10 FAM 344.2 Use of U.S. Carriers

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In accordance with Pub. L. 93 623, the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979, the "Fly America Act," U.S. government-financed air travel must be on U.S. flag carriers where available. As a practical matter, this often means that stopovers are not possible en route to or from the United States.

10 FAM 345 TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

10 FAM 345.1 International

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A travel allowance may be disbursed to the grantee by the post, in lieu of per diem, for incidental expenses while traveling by air to the United States. A similar allowance for return travel by air is disbursed by the program agency. Voluntary Visitors are not eligible to receive funding for International Airfare.

10 FAM 345.2 U.S. Travel

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A per diem allowance may be issued while traveling in the United States, its territories and possessions, at the rate applicable for the category of grant. From time-to-time, ECA/PE/V advises posts of approved per diem rates.

10 FAM 346 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ALLOWANCE

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An allowance for the purchase of books and publications, films, slides, records and tapes by U.S. performers, and tickets to the theater, sports events, etc. may be provided.

10 FAM 347 TUITION AND RELATED EXPENSES ALLOWANCE

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An allowance appropriate to a particular project, as announced by ECA/PE/V or recommended by the post, to cover tuition and/or fees for attendance at conferences, seminars, workshops and professional meetings in the United States is available.

10 FAM 348 TRANSPORTATION IN UNITED STATES

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An allowance may be granted for transportation in the United States, its territories and possessions, which provides for economy class air transportation or equivalent alternative transportation by rail, bus, or auto, as may be required. In special circumstances, first class transportation may be authorized.

10 FAM 349 OTHER TRAVEL EXCLUDED

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Grant benefits do not cover side trips to Canada, Mexico, or other countries before, during or after a grant program in the United States, its territories or possessions. Any such travel must be at the expense of the grantee. Similarly, the Department cannot authorize or finance a side trip for escorts accompanying visitors.